1	2	3	4	5	6
10.	Kanha	Madhya Pradesh	197.50	241.00	243.259
11.	Manas	Assam	-	80.00	30.00
12.	Melghat	Maharashtra	93.183	165.00	134.51
13.	Nagarjunsagar	Andhra Pradesh	15.00	45.923	46.675
14.	Namdapha	Arunachal Pradesh		75.00	101.90
15.	Nameri	Assam	-	-	57.431
16.	Pakke	Arunachal Pradesh	35.00	74.10	135.4725
17.	Palamau	Jharkhand	72.5005	153.00	155.967
18.	Panna	Madhya Pradesh	60.00	97.00	208.687
19.	Pench (MP)	Madhya Pradesh	97.43	128.63	75.85
20.	Pench (Mah.)	Maharashtra	87.77	75.00	45.00
21.	Periyar	Kerala	105.75	105.00	109.00
22.	Ranthambore	Rajasthan	-	142.053	126.541
23.	Sariska	Rajasthan	79.00	127.00	50.00
24.	Satpura	Madhya Pradesh	170.00	100.00	181.656
25.	Similipal	Orissa	116.4395	80.00	183.8717
26.	Sunderban	West Bengal	274.74	129.68638	121.30
27.	Tadoba-Andheri	Maharashtra	75.00	63.07	59.05
28.	Valmiki	Bihar	85.00	3.475	69.9554

Patents of Indian plants by America

†1883. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether America has got patented more than one hundred useful Indian plants originally grown in India;

(b) whether India would have to pay royalty to the foreign countries on these plants; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAYAN MEENA): (a) to (c) Patents are granted under the sovereign powers of a State and are applicable to the territory of the State, concerned. As per section 3(j) of the Patents Act, 1970 of India, 'plants and

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animals in whole or any part thereof other than micro-organisms but including seeds, varieties and species. and essentially biological processes for production and propagation of plants and animals' are not patentable.

Areas of wasteland

†1884. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the areas of wasteland and degraded wasteland at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government for reclamation of the aforesaid lands and the targets fixed under this scheme;

(c) whether these targets have been achieved; if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of SEZs (Special Economic Zones) proposed to be developed in such degraded/wastelands in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) As per Wastelands Atlas of India 2005 prepared by Ministry of Rural Development and National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad, an area of 31,66,412 sq. kms. was surveyed out of 32,87,263 sq. kms. geographical area of the country for wastelands mapping. The area of surveyed wastelands in the country was 5,52,692.26 sq. kms. or 17.45 per cent of the surveyed geographical area in 2003. State-wise details of wastelands is given in Statement-I *(See* below).

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining forest lands. The Scheme is being implemented through two-tier decentralized mechanism of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at forest division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level. As on 31.3.2007, 729 FDA projects have been approved in all 28 States at a total cost of Rs. 1658.09 crores to cover project area of 9.36 lakh hectares through 24,215 JFMCs.

In addition to above, the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development is also implementing three area development programmes *i.e.* Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP) and Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) on watershed basis for wasteland development, drought proofing and desertification control by rejuvenating the nature resource base. As per information made available by that Department, it has been decided to merge IWDP, DPAP and DDP schemes into a single Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) from 2007-08. An allocation of Rs.1201.00 crore, which includes Rs.86.46 crore for externally aided projects has been made for the programme during 2007-08.

• (d) and (e) As per information made available by the Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, formal approval has been granted for setting

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